

# ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

**Tis the season,**

**On behalf of myself and the executive of the Alberta Elks Association, I would like to extend a festive greeting to all the members of our Provincial Association.**

**During this time of year, may all your wishes and expectations be fulfilled. Take the time to enjoy the comforts of family and friends.**

**With the New Year approaching, think of the ways we can make our lives better with new ideas and goals for the future.**

**To every member of this great Association, stay safe and remember the great work we do in our communities.**

**Darren Scott**

**Alberta Elks Association President  
2019-2020**

## Alberta Elks Toy Drive

The Alberta Elks Association is thrilled to announce the 2020 Toy Drive for the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital. Last year, thanks to YOU and the Lodges of the Alberta Elks Association, we were able to donate hundreds of toys, books, games and crafts along with \$3000.00 for the recreation department of each hospital. This year we are hoping to match that if not exceed it!

Donations will be made to the hospitals in June, with the help of our friend Charlie the Elk. June is when the hospitals are low on supplies and they can benefit from the donations. However don't hesitate to start collecting now! Christmas functions and events are the perfect time to kick start your own Lodge toy drive. With conference being in Whitehorse this year and a lot of the membership flying, perhaps a gift card fundraiser would be more practical. However your Lodge decides to help is



and President Scott is more than happy to collect donations during his visits.

Help us put a smile on a child's face by participating in this year's toy drive!



## Alberta Elks Christmas Ornament

The Alberta Elks Communications Committee has released our first annual Christmas tree ornament. We are proud to say this will be a collectors item with a new ornament created every year featuring different areas of the Alberta Elks Association and Foundation. This year the ornament is a 3" round, wood engraved ornament featuring the Alberta Elks Foundation. The best part is, this doubles as a fundraiser. \$10.00 from every ornament sold will be donated to the Alberta Elks Foundation. The ornaments are \$20.00 each, including GST and postage. Please consider adding a little Elks to your Christmas tree this year! Order forms are available on the Alberta Elks Website.





# Meet the Team



**District Deputy Brother Leonard Shain.** Leonard was born many, many years ago in Coronach, Saskatchewan to Mable and Glenn Shain. Glenn was a Past Provincial President in Saskatchewan Elks and Mable is a Past Provincial President of the Royal Purple. Leonard resides in Sherwood Park with his wife of 32 years, Barb. Leonard is the proud dad of two boys, and two girls, and is wrapped around the ringers of their three grandchildren. Brother Shain is a long term employee of Telus Outside Plant Cable Repair where he works as a tech and trainer in fibre and copper. In his free time Leonard loves riding his motorcycle, and building things for his wife. Leonard has a love for hockey; cheering for the Oilers and also playing. He plays in the local men's league where he also serves as both President and player organizer.

Currently he is a member of the Volunteer Strathcona Board of Directors. His journey in Elksdom started when he joined Sherwood Park Elks in 1998. Leonard is Past District Deputy of District 5, Past Provincial President 2012- 2013 where his theme was "Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it", currently he is Grand Lecturing Knight and Alberta Elks Foundation Chair. Brother Shain is a recurrent actor in the Sherwood Park Elks Mystery diner (Come and see him make a fool of himself) and works to promote the Gowns4Grads. Brother Shain encourages other lodges to start a Gowns4Grads program in their areas. Thank you for your service Brother Shain

some people wait  
their whole lives to  
meet their heroes...  
i already know mine...



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CANADA  
EST. 1912

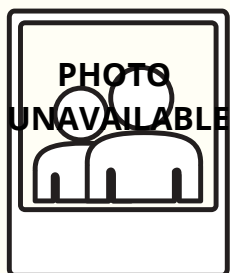
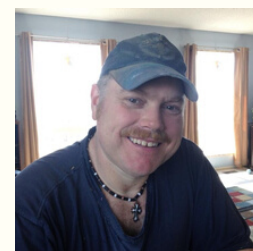
**District Deputy Brother Gordon McLeod.** Brother Gord has been a member of the Elks for 37 years. He's married to his best friend Faye, of 40+ years. Together they have three adult children; two of whom decided to get married within in three weeks of each other this year. Brother McLeod's passions are Elks, cruising on his motorcycle, spending time with the family at the cottage and pretending he can make furniture. His good wife even allows some of his creations to go into their home, so not doing too bad on the woodworking side of things. Took him a long time to get to that point but embraces the challenge of it. He even receives the occasional request from his kids for a piece!

This year he is District Deputy for District 4. The District did not appoint a District Deputy so, the Association Executive appointed Gord along with Leonard Shain. Our President suggested that the appointment of the two District Deputies would make the task easier. Gordy is sticking with his story and is having a blast visiting lodges and talking with members. Thank you for all you do Brother Gord.



**District Deputy Brother Aurel Beaudin.** Aurel Beaudin comes from Montmartre, Saskatchewan. He lives in Kimberley, BC. with his wife Sandra of 50 years. Together they raised three children, and have five grandchildren. Brother Aurel has a long hockey background; spending 5 years in Junior hockey in Edmonton, Weyburn, and Brandon in the now called Western Hockey League. He studied at Manitoba College in Brandon as a welder and spent a few years as a professional hockey player in various leagues in the USA. Eventually he had a try out with the Winnipeg Jets of the WHA. Brother Aurel continued on to played Senior hockey with the Kimberley Dynamiters (AAA) in the Western International Hockey League and is a Canadian Allan Cup Champion. Brother Beaudin returned to school to become a Millwright with Cominco, a company in the mining industry where many hockey players in the league were employed and offered education. Aurel is a founder, manager, and coach of the Kimberley Dynamiters Junior hockey team, 3 times BC champion of Kimberley hockey teams, Past President of Minor Hockey, Vice Commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Junior Hockey League. Aurel is currently semi-retired. He joined the ELKS in 1978 and served as Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler, and is currently District Deputy of District #14. He also spent many years as a baseball player, pitcher, manager and president of the leagues. For the past 10 years Aurel has been snowbird in St. George, Utah, keeping active, golfing, hiking, sightseeing, taking in shows in Las Vegas, Utah and Arizona. The weather is much easier on the arthritis. Thanks for Volunteering Brother Aurel.

**District Deputy Brother Shawn Andrews.** Brother Andrews was born in September of 1967. In 2003 he moved from his farm in Sherwood Park to Round Hill where he resides today. Shawn is married to Shelley Lynn of 31 years and together they have two boys. For the past 23 years Shawn has been self employed with his business called Shawn's Repairs where he specializes in restoration, also offering a body shop and sandblasting services. In his free time Shawn enjoys cooking for large groups of people and of course doing complete auto restorations. Shawn was a member of the Sherwood Park Optimist Club, 4H Beef Club in Fort Saskatchewan until he moved. Presently he is a member of the Round Hill Elks #71 and a volunteer with the Round Hill Ag Society. Brother Andrews is a past Secretary and Exalted Ruler in his lodge and is currently serving as Past Exalted Ruler and District Deputy for District 8. Thank you Brother Shawn for your time and commitment.



**District Deputy Brother Hugh Lockhart.** Brother Lockhart operates a landscaping business out of Red Deer when he is not assisting the Red Deer Elks with their endeavors. Summers are busy but fall tends to get crazy as they race to beat freeze up. After that it is onto the snow removal part of the business which can be rather hectic at times as well. He has been a member of the Elks for 46 years serving as Exalted Ruler from 2013-2017 and now as District Deputy. He spent 25 years away from Red Deer in the golf industry but returned home some 22 years ago and enjoys his time when he can help with the Saturday meat draws at the Red Deer club. He is an avid golfer in the summer and curler in winter. He has been a participant in the last several National Curling Championships which he thoroughly enjoys when he can get together with other Lodges across the country and compare notes on what is happening with them. He has one grown daughter to add to his enjoyment of life.





# Foundation News

Brothers, Sisters and Ladies of the Royal Purple Elks,

As the weather starts to turn colder outside, and we approach the season of giving, I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Be thankful of your friends and family who help make you the incredible person you are. Without your dedication to YOUR community and YOUR Alberta Elks Foundation, we could not help those that need our assistance the most. I encourage you to help spread the word about how much you enjoy giving back to your community, and encourage others to get involved with you to help in your community through the Elks, to make both the order and your community a better place for everyone.

The Alberta Elks Foundation is your charity to help with special projects in your community as well as the Tabs for Tots program that can assist with getting valuable and much needed paediatric equipment in your local hospitals.

As Christmas is near, it becomes a perfect time to help the Foundation raise funds by supporting the Alberta Elks Association's Christmas decoration sale. The Christmas decoration supporting the Foundation is just the beginning of a new tradition, as there will be a new ornament each year, helping the charities that matter most to you, the members.

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Leonard Shain  
Chairman Alberta Elks Foundation

Alberta Elks Foundation



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RE: **Alberta Elks Foundation Float**

Several attempts have been made by the Alberta Elks Foundation to recruit two members-at-large to sit on the Float Committee, with no success.

Duties would be to obtain the requirements for the float to be entered into large category parades (such as the Calgary Stampede) as well as develop ideas and design for updating the float. Other members could be recruited to help with this project.

If there are no applicants that come forward by the end of December 2019, the Foundation Trustees will take it that the members of the Alberta Elks Association are not interested in updating, or using the float in large parades and therefore, with less use annually, look at selling the float and truck.

Brothers and sisters, this is YOUR Float, run by YOUR Foundation, and therefore we need YOUR assistance if we are going to continue having the Float as an advertising and promotional tool for lodges to use.

Applicants can send their names to the address noted above.

Respectfully

Leonard Shain  
Foundation Chairman

When making donations to ISTAR, your lodge has two choices-

1. Make the cheque payable to ISTAR and mail it directly to:

**ISTAR**

**Suite 1500, College Plaza  
8215 - 112 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
T6G 2C8**

If your Lodge sends the cheques to the Foundation Office and it is made payable to ISTAR, we cannot issue a receipt and must send it directly to ISTAR.

We cannot recognize your contribution in the conference booklet because the funds have not gone through the Foundation books.

2. Make the cheque payable to the "Alberta Elks Foundation" and designate in the memo section "ISTAR".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 403-748-4922 or albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca

## Selling Foundation Raffle Tickets???

We have brochures explaining what the Foundation is all about. Your Lodge could hand these out and let your community know there are funds available for community projects. Contact the Foundation office at  
HYPERLINK  
albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca  
or call 403-748-4922  
and we will mail them to you.

## TABS for Tots REPORT

Donations and contributions to the Tabs program continue to come into the Foundation Office, 2019 – 2020 appears to continue to be well funded again. The main area of concern for the committee is the lack of applications. To date, the committee has received only one application for assistance. Remember that an application for a project up to \$2,000.00 in value does not have to go to conference, it will be handled by the Foundation Trustees and dealt with immediately. I am sure that there is a need out there for assistance. These funds that are accumulated through your hard work, are there for your use in your communities. Thank you for the ongoing support. Nick Henger,  
Tabs for Tots Chairman.

## ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION

### 51st ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize

**\$30,000 CASH**

Second Prize  
**\$10,000 CASH**

Third Prize  
**\$5,000 CASH**

Fourth Prize  
**Fas Gas  
Gift Cards  
Value \$1500**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE

US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Shuttering Treatment & Research

Training, Research and Treatment of Bullying in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects

Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children

Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

**Tickets  
\$2 each OR 3 for \$5**

30% of all Ticket sales go directly back to the

selling Lodges to invest in their communities

**FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 27, 2020**

All draws to take place at Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St., Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

*Early Bird Draws*

**March 12, 2020**

**\$500 Fas Gas Gift Card**

**April 9, 2020**

**\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card**

**May 14, 2020**

**\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card**

75 000 TICKETS PRINTED

LICENSE NO. 03440

## WANTED

FOUNDATION

SECRETARY / TREASURER

FOR A FULL LIST OF DUTIES

AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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# Alberta is Elks Proud

## Congratulations Dawson Creek on 75 years



National President/GER Derek Barkley and his wife Marilyn were honoured to attend Dawson Creek Elks 75th Anniversary Dinner and Social, held in Dawson Creek, B.C. on November 15, 2019. On behalf of Grand Lodge, a commemorative anniversary picture was presented by GER Barkley to Dawson Creek Elks #289 Exalted Ruler, Frank Ripley. GER Barkley congratulated the members for their 75 years of service to the community of Dawson Creek and wished them continued success.

**Did you know?** Over the years, Dawson Creek's bingos, Annual Fall Fair/ Rodeo, Elks Fall Fair Booth has resulted in contributions of over **\$5,000,000.00** to local Charities, Scholarships, National Purple Cross Fund, Alberta Elks Foundation, Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, only to name a few. Hats off to you Dawson Creek!



Dawson Creek Elks #289 (ER Frank Ripley & Henry Rose) presents GER Derek Barkley \$2000.00 for the Elks and Royal Purple fund for Children

## Barons Lodge #224 Celebrates 90 years of service



District Deputy Brother Brad Biette attended Barons 90th anniversary and pin night. Congratulations Barons Lodge #224 on 90 years, and here's to 90 more

## Brooks Elks 7th Annual Slo Pitch Tournament

Brooks Elks Lodge hosted their 7th annual Co-Ed Slo Pitch Tournament in September. 16 teams joined in the festivities, having fun and raising money! As a result of the success Brooks Air Cadets received a donation for \$3000.00, and Halo Air Ambulance received \$2000.00. For more information if you would like to host your own slo pitch tournament email Brad at [bbiette@gmail.com](mailto:bbiette@gmail.com)



## Elks Proud Award



Elk's Proud Award presented to Fred Sumners. Award was presented by Randy Bask Secretary of Beaverlodge Elks #249. GER Barkley congratulated Brother Fred for his dedication, and for receiving this well deserved award



Provincial President Brother Darren Scott, was in Brooks for his official visit November 11, 2019. Brooks Elks presented Brother Scott with a cheque for the Alberta Elks Foundation

## Olds Lodge #100 Leading the Way in Community Involvement



Olds Elks Lodge #100, is gaining great strides in community involvement. By joining forces with their local Elementary Schools, collecting tabs and spreading the word of great organization we are! The Holy Trinity School in Olds collected a total of 203 pounds of pop tabs for Tabs for Tots; the winning class collected 71 pounds

of tabs! How have they accomplished this wonderful partnership? The answer lies in PIZZA! That right pizza! The classes compete with each other during they school year, with the winning class earning a pizza party. Great Job Olds





# Thanks for Caring Tour Reaches Alberta



Our National President/GER, Derek Barkley and wife Marilyn continued their "Thanks for Caring" tour making a stop in Manning, AB. They met and spent an enjoyable evening with members from Manning Lodge #286 and Valleyview #281



On Monday, November 18, 2019, GER Derek Barkley and his wife Marilyn were warmly greeted by members of the Breton RP Elks Lodge #285. Also present were ER Arnout Steenhart of Breton Elks Lodge #402 and Grand Leading Knight Don Gillis and his wife Ann, also members of Breton #402. GER Barkley congratulated the members for their outstanding volunteer work and their dedication to their community.



National Elks President Derek Barkley visited the Royal Purple Elks Ladies of Mannville. Several other Lodges attended from Mrynam, Irma, and Elk Point. The Elks Ladies presented Derek with a \$500 cheque for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children and the Elks Men presented Derek with a \$300 cheque for the same charity.



Drayton Valley Royal Purple Elks Lodge #196, donated \$2000.00 for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. Donation presented by Honoured Royal Lady Ethel Mankow



Honoured Royal Lady, Linda Vandenburg is seen here presenting a donation to Derek for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. Generous donations totalling \$2,500.00 were presented on behalf of both the High Prairie Royal Purple Elks #59, and the High Prairie Elks #279.



GER Barkley was presented with a cheque for \$500.00 for the Fund for Children



Provincial President Brother Darren Scott, presenting GER Derek Barkley a cheque for \$500.00 on behalf of the Breton Elks Lodge # 402





# Membership Corner

We are a well-established and trusted community service charitable organization in Canada. We support children with hearing and speech disabilities as well as many community projects across our great nation. We are ELKS Proud! Sound familiar? If it does then you are aware of our new elevator speech. It was designed to assist you when asked 'What do the ELKS do?'. It's a conversation starter, an invitation for community members to ask additional questions and something you can give the person. There is room on the back of the card to add your contact information. Your lodge should have received information about the Elevator speech and a few cards to hand out. If you need additional cards please call Cory Blair at 1-888-843-3557 EXT. 225 or email him at CBLAIR@ELKSOFCANADA.CA.

Your lodge should also have received information regarding development of a membership retention plan for your lodge. If we missed sending the information out please email or call Lynda Petten elks.secretary@abelks.org (403-748-4922). The information you received should have included a membership retention plan sample to give you a few ideas to get you started and a blank form to record your lodge's Membership retention plan. If you need an additional form, they are available on our web site or reach out to Lynda. Remember you will be asked to share your lodge retention plan at your spring district meeting. If you have any questions, concerns ideas or suggestions about either please reach out to any member of your Membership Retention Committee. Gordon McLeod 780-235-2614



Available now is a card to help you explain what the Elks are all about. This card helps you break the ice with anyone wanting to know what we do as Elks! The cards are available from Grand Lodge. To order some for your lodge please call or email Wes at the Grand Lodge Office!!

ELKS OF CANADA  
"We are a well-established and trusted community service charitable organization in Canada. We support children with hearing and speech disabilities as well as many community projects across our great nation. We are ELKS PROUD!"



## Volunteers Needed

Do you have training or experience in dealing with conflict management? Do you have some training material or great articles on the subject you can share? If you do the Membership Retention committee needs your assistance. The lodge Assistance Program that the committee is developing includes a module on conflict management. It's a little on the light side at the moment and they are looking for some guidance. Your involvement would be attending a few conference calls and helping them develop the module. Or simply sharing the material/articles you have. If you could give them a hand please reach out to committee chair Gordon McLeod (g\_mcleod@shaw.ca). The committee is also in need of a member or two from an ELKS Royal Purple Lodge. The committee holds a conference call monthly from 8 - 9. Please let Gordon know if you're interested in becoming involved and help ensure that the needs and perspective of our ELKS Royal Purple members are heard.

## Great Idea District 10

District 10 is showing the mark they make in their communities with this great article showing just how great they are.

Friday, November 15, 2019			
Volunteer Organizations			
By Sharon Davis, District Deputy for District 10			
The Elks, like all volunteer organizations are slowly dying. This is what the Elks have done for our towns in District 10. If you have any free time, all volunteer organizations would welcome you with open arms. We need to keep them going as we will lose a great deal of money. The governments sure don't care and they would not support the communities the way we do.			
Canada wide	8 years	donations	\$23,427,070.59
Volunteer hours	3,636,318	x15.00 an hour	\$54,544,770.00
Drumheller Elks	14 years	donations	\$194,939.00
Trenville RP	3 years	donations	\$ 16,570.70
Trenville Elks	10 years	donations	\$ 63,508.78
Trochu RP	2 years	donations	\$ 23,967.70
Trochu Elks	20 years	donations	\$303,780.95
Acme Elks	13 years	donations	\$163,583.05
Delburne Elks	16 years	donations	\$252,563.25
Delia Elks	16 years	donations	\$319,256.73
Acme RP	2 years	donations	\$ 27,394.59
Three Hills Elks	16 years	donations	\$415,581.32
This is from one district out of 14 that are in Alberta, and we are Alberta Proud as we have half of all members in Canada. Most of this money stays in the community but we also support ISTAR, both children's hospitals.			
If you are wondering why the Royal Purple Lodges are not as many years it's because I have not been able to get the records yet, but they have donated as long as the Elks. So if you look at what we have done over the last 100 years you will see that it must be a good organization and we do have fun.			

## Gowns4Grads

By Barb Shain

About The Gowns for Grad Program The Gowns for Grad is a non-profit community service organization. We collect donations of new and like-new formal gowns, accessories, men's suits, shirts and shoes and provide them FREE of charge to our junior and high school students who would otherwise be unable to attend their formal events. We are dedicated to promoting confidence and self-esteem to these students and strive to help them attend their formal events in style, regardless of financial circumstances. While the girls may be focused on their dress, we are focused on them. Our mission is for each girl to be treated with respect, grace and love, and every guy to look handsome. On the event day we surround the young ladies and gentlemen with positive role models and show them grace and love just for being them - no strings attached. We welcome students from all walks of life and celebrate them as they learn about what defines true beauty.

**Our Story:** The Gowns for Grad story began in 2015. After learning about a sister organization providing teenage girls with everything they need to attend their formal events, Sherwood Park Elks and Information Volunteer Centre were moved. They thought this would be an incredible way to serve girls in our local community of Sherwood Park, Alberta. Together they partnered and began to make plans to provide a Grad outreach that supplies all the Grad necessities for girls - FREE of charge. What began as an outreach to just under 50 girls has grown to an annual event! After the first year the Information Volunteer handed it over to the Sherwood Park Elks to take lead with the Program. Sherwood Park Elks thought of everything to make this day so special. You would have to experience the smiles on the faces of these young girl's faces. The Elks decided to take it one step further and collect suits for the young men so that they too could have that special day and to believe this is a worthwhile program for both.

Although we LOVE dresses and suits at the Gowns for Grad, we love these kids more. The heart of this organization is about so much more than a dress or a suit. At the core of Gowns for Grad is a group of men and women who believe every teenage girl and young gentlemen deserves to feel loved and celebrated just for being who they are - no strings attached. We realize that different life experiences often make it difficult for a family to afford the extras, and Gowns for Grads wants to help our volunteers are at the heart of this organization. Many of us can remember a time when we may have needed something, but the money was just not there. At Gowns for Grad, we truly believe that serving others brings about a joy that cannot be found in anything else. When you walk in, the volunteers are smiling just as much as the young ladies and gentlemen. We value our opportunity to bring such an incredible, life-giving volunteer experience to Sherwood Park and area communities. We simply cannot do this without the hearts of the great people that donate.

Now after 5 years it has grown across Alberta and is expanding across Canada. The Sherwood Park Elks are proud of the growth this program has made and in return we get to enjoy making families happy.

There might just be a place for you in our story. If you are a business owner, seamstress, hairstylist, organizer, or simply have a smile to share with a teenager who is graduating, either Grade 12 or Grade 9 you could fit perfectly in the story we are writing. Oh, and we also want to raid your closets!

## Hour of Eleven

Please mail our association office at elks.secretary@abelks.org to notify us if one of our members passed on



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